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DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, have the Government any faith in water divining? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The divining by the water diviners has been tried, and it has not been altogether unsuccessful."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is the Leader of the House aware that the other day the Hon. the Minister for Public Health said, ' I do not believe in this water diviner, it is all a myth like various other things '? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Government in the Health Ministry does not employ any diviners."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 24th August 1955, from the Deputy Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' In accordance with Rule 114 of the Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Cultivating Tenants' Protection Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1955), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the twenty-fourth day of August 1955, and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.' "

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 41 (1) OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, under Rule 41 (1) of the Council Rules, I wish to call the attention of the Minister for Local Administration to the Election notice published on 22nd August 1955 by the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, as returning officer in the Elections to the Corporation of Madras showing the list of valid nominations in which the candidates are designated as Mudaliar, Naidu, Adi-Dravida, Non-Brahman, Brahman, etc., and in fact, one candidate is designated as ' Koravan ' in spite of the Government Order ordering omission of the term ' Adi-Dravidas ' in official records and designating them as Harijans. Publication of such communal details is opposed to the spirit of our Constitution. As such election notices are to be published in the case of all municipalities and considering the urgency on account of the elections thereto, I bring this to the notice of the Minister."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, has stated that the whole of India should be united. He has used the word ' casteism '. He has said that ' casteism ' should be abolished. This ' casteism ' is against the spirit as well as the express declaration of our leading statesman and others. The members of these communities would prefer to have their community names deleted."